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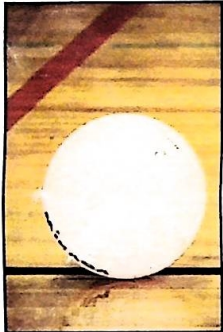
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Special memories of '84 Clarke fire

Kelsey Ewing
Staff Writer

What happens when your world catches fire? A four-member panel from the Clarke community gathered together to reflect on their experiences on May 17, 1984, when their world literally caught on fire. President Emerita Catherine Dunn, BVM; Louise Kames, chair and professor of art; Norm Freund, chair and professor of philosophy; and Mary Ann Zollmann, BVM, Clarke trustee, discussed their experiences while on campus that fateful day at the Macklin-Mailander lecture on Tuesday, April 22.

"You don't ask what is Clarke, you ask who is Clarke," said Kames, who reflected on what Rev. Bob Beck said at a mass on the night of the fire. Clarke is a place that offers students an opportunity to learn about community Kames said. Students came together and painted 'Clarke Lives' on a bed sheet and hung it on the entrance to what was once Margaret Mann Hall.

"The sign was a symbol that Clarke will go on and be raised up from the ashes," Kames noted.

Dunn started off the discussion reminiscing about how she paced up and down Clarke Drive as she watched the center of campus burst into flames. Many people

O'Toole, remembered the "wonderful mix of faculty, staff, and students who traveled the unbroken carpet." Now it all lay in ruins among the ashes. This unbroken carpet



rushed out to see that Margaret Mann Hall, Rose O'Toole Hall, Mary Bertrand Hall, and the Sacred Heart Chapel were on fire. As Dunn had only been president for 111 days, she was moved by all the help that came pouring in from the community of Dubuque.

Freund, whose office was spared in the fire in Rose

was a long hallway on first floor that stretched from one end of campus to the other.

Many BVMs weren't as lucky in the fire. Many of them didn't just lose their offices but they also lost personal belongings because they lived on campus at the time.

On television news that night, Dunn said that Clarke

would rebuild and that graduation would still be held on Saturday and summer school would start on Monday as planned. This prompted the community to step in and be a big help in moving forward from this tragic event.

University of Dubuque President Walter Peterson rushed to the scene and said "Whatever we have is yours." Loras College was kind enough to provide graduation attire because most of Clarke's was lost in the fire.

Along with this help from the two neighboring colleges, local psychiatrists and psychologists came to help those who were grieving from their loss. Dunn said that she never received a bill from them and they were here more than once.

"The word 'impossible' was not in the BVM dictionary," Freund said. Plans to rebuild started when a company from Chicago told the college that the buildings were beyond repair and that they should start anew. After hearing 35 different proposals, Clarke went with

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Fierce raptors descend on Kehl Center for impressive, informative display

Hilary Van Praag
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What do you think about when you hear the word "raptor"? Maybe one of those short-armed creatures in "Jurassic Park" and "The Land Before Time" or maybe the species of birds who are meat eaters, have amazing vision, and can reach a maximum wingspan of 10 feet.

The Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab and Education Center presented a demonstration about raptors at the Kehl Center April 29. Candy and Steve Ridlbauer are the founders of the raptor clinic that rescues, rehabilitates, and then releases most of the birds back to the wild.

They treat numerous types of injuries including dehydra-

tion, raptors that have been hung up in barbed wire, poisoned, shot, hit by cars and even the occasional birds that hit windows in our homes.

"Pheonix, our Red Tailed Hawk, got T-boned by a van at 55 mph. We found him bleeding out of his head, eyes, nose, and ears. We knew he was going to be blind in one eye and he was not going to be released because of the intense trauma that happened," said Candy.

Candy and Steve will travel up to three hours and sometimes more to rescue raptors.

As they presented this information, they showed a dozen different types of raptors big and small.

What makes raptors so dif-

ferent from other species of birds like robins or swans? "Well, they have exceptionally powerful vision where they can see four to 10 times better than humans. So they are able to see a tiny mouse from a mile away," said Candy.

All raptors have a hooked beak, which allows them to eat their whole prey. The beak allows them to tear up the animal in order for them to digest the entire meal including the bones, guts, fur, etc. Raptors have talons, sharp claws that also help tear up prey.

Many of us have heard all of our lives that owls can turn their necks all the way around

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photo: Hilary Van Praag

Ulysses, a Great Horned Owl, at a raptor presentation in the Kehl Center last week.

CAMPUS LIFE

Study abroad teaches students to be independent

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Studying abroad is about immersing yourself into another culture's way of life as well as learning to be more independent according to one Clarke study abroad student.

Maggie Dolan, sophomore business administration major with a philosophy minor, studied abroad in London, England, through Central College's Abroad program. Clarke works with Central, located in Pella, Iowa, to help make study abroad placements for Clarke students.

"I chose this program because it offered an internship in London which, was appealing to me," said Maggie. "I was able to use almost all of my aid that I receive from Clarke, so it made this semester very affordable." While in London, Dolan took three classes and worked at Master Advisor, a

financial planning company two days a week.

"My internship was really great because I got to learn more about careers that are available in my area of study, and I now have an understanding of how British retirement plans work," she said.

In addition to liking her internship experience, Dolan enjoyed her classes. Her favorite was her religion class. "I not only learned about Christianity in Britain, but also the other many kinds of religion around the world," she said.

"We were able to learn about Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism in British society. We even got to visit a mosque and Hindu temple," she added. "It was really awesome and increased my awareness of different kinds of



Clarke sophomore Maggie Dolan stands in front of London Bridge on her semester abroad in London.

religions in the world."

Although Dolan stayed busy with her three classes and internship, she did plenty of traveling throughout Europe during the semester. She visited not only parts of England (York, Brighton, Bath, Oxford, Canterbury), but also

Amsterdam, Edinburgh and Rome.

Dolan said she has had exciting experiences, but there were still challenging adjustments such as surviving without technology, (no cell phone or wifi) learning to go a long time without seeing

family, living in a city of 8 million and learning to be independent.

"I haven't lived on my own in my life, so this was a lot different," she said. "I definitely think my personality has developed a lot because I got to be exactly who I wanted to be since no one knew me or anything about me," Maggie added.

While living and working in a different culture and society can be challenging, Maggie said there are many rewards to studying abroad.

"I've developed skills that will follow me back to the states," she said. "I am able to navigate things much more efficiently than I did before. I know I am able to step outside my comfort zone for more than a few days (try four months), and I am more culturally aware of my surroundings."

Two Clarke creative writers win this year's "Tenth Muse" awards

Jordan Cameron
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The winners of this year's "Tenth Muse" writing contest are Andrea Becke, with a first and third place finish, and Mary Zanger, who finished second.

"The Tenth Muse" is Clarke's literary magazine featuring different types of writings from poems to essays to short stories. Students are automatically eligible for the contest when they submit work to the magazine.

At first Andrea hadn't even realized she was part of the contest until she received a notification "I did not write anything specifically for the contest," she said. "I write

nothing on command: I write what I want or need to write. I draw from my own experiences and observations only, and mostly I write in impassioned bursts."

Mary was encouraged to write a piece for the magazine. "Last fall Anna Kelley (Clarke English professor) encouraged me to read a poem as part of the Voices From the Warehouse District festival," she said. "After that I decided to submit my piece to 'The Tenth Muse.'"

Mary's piece, "Wake Up," is about being aware of the world around you and enjoying the ordinary, beautiful things in life. "It's easy to forget how

lucky we are to be living, and even easier for college students to get lost in stress and forget how lucky we are to be getting an education," she said. "I want to encourage people to pay attention."

As far as the future goes, Andrea plans to pursue a career in writing and sees this contest as a stepping stone to further success. "The Tenth Muse' submissions were my first attempt at gaining recognition for writing, so this feels like a great first accomplishment," she said.

Mary plans to keep writing as a hobby "Writing poetry is fun and relaxing for me," she said.

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their bodies, but that is actually false. Raptors have 14 neck bones (double what humans have) so that they can turn their heads three-fourths of the way around their bodies, not the whole way. Horned owls are the most powerful birds because

they are able to take prey double their weight. This leads us to their favorite food, which happens to be a skunk. "Owls have 100 times better vision at night than humans, making it easier for them to stalk their prey at night," said Candy.

Candy and Steve stressed

the importance of these birds and why we should be aware of their role in our community. It is important that we do not disturb the animals in their habitat unless we see they are in danger.

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VOA of Chicago to construct a new look for the campus. "The fire literally ripped open the architectural heart of Clarke," said Zollmann. "It ripped open our tender human hearts." But even though the destruction was hard to cope with, Clarke and the community came together and construction began the following year.

Zollmann told how at the first liturgy held in Mary Jo Hall the chalice that one of the BVMs had rescued from the fire was used. Rev. Jim Barta said, "This is the chalice given for us, given to us. Like all of us, it's a little worse for the wearer, but it still holds God." "It was a day of ending," Zollmann said. "But a promise of a new beginning."

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SPORTS PLUS

Penson plans summer of hard work

Michael Francis
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She may be wrapping up her freshman year at Clarke, but the work is just starting on and off the court for Crusader volleyball player Nina Penson.

Nina will not let her less than ideal first season this year hinder high hopes of what the summer and upcoming season will bring.

The up-and-coming Crusaders volleyball star wasn't always just focused on the sport she has now put at the top of her priority list. "I played two years of softball in high school and quit because I started getting really serious about volleyball," said Nina.

The eight-year volleyball veteran has made the sport her main hobby. While in high school, she started taking the sport very seriously and wanted a college career.

"I've always had a passion for the game and moving up in the level of play has always kept me motivated," she said. Two main factors really stuck



Freshman Crusader defensive specialist Nina Penson is looking forward to doing better next season.

out for Nina when she decided to come to Clarke: The physical therapy and athletic training program which she is majoring in, and the women's volleyball team solidified her decision.

"One thing was very clear when I first met Nina, she loved the game of volleyball and worked hard on the court,"

said teammate Molly Bender.

Not making the varsity team her freshman year was a minor setback for Nina who says making the varsity team her sophomore year is her personal goal.

"Nina is a hard worker and a talented player making her way in the program," said Molly.

After adjusting to the faster pace of a college sport, Nina believes she finally has her feet on the ground.

When asked about areas of her game she wants to improve on, two things stuck out for the freshman.

"I want to get better at staying mentally tough and make sure I do the very best I can without holding back," she said.

To stay on top of her game Nina has big plans for the summer. She will be running every day in the next few months and will be sticking to a strict workout program.

"This summer will be a big test for me as I prepare for a much better sophomore year," she said.

Connect with alums for job tips on LinkedIn Clarke U. Alum Network

Adrienne Gibbs
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Clarke has taken advantage of the opportunities LinkedIn provides by creating a Clarke University Alumni Network group for students to follow and respond to and where they can start networking with Clarke alums who want to get in contact with students and be a support system for them. "It's important for students to take part in LinkedIn early on to begin networking early, rather than waiting until senior year" said Clarke Assistant Director of Counseling and Career Services Becky Herrig.

Students who become members of the network can seek out alumni profiles that match their career goals, opening the door for career shadowing, internships, and job opportunities.

"Networking with alums is also a great way for undecided majors to gather information and create discussion that can lead them to making a decision on a major" said Herrig. Many current and past Clarke students have benefited significantly from joining LinkedIn early on and becoming a part of the Clarke Alumni Network.

"I created a LinkedIn at the beginning of my junior year said senior communication major Tia Grap. "I have been able to connect with many professionals in the community and receive endorsements for my skills. It's beneficial to build your contacts and have your network to have opportunities that you may not have otherwise found out about."

"If you're ready to become proactive with your professional development, create your LinkedIn profile and join the Clarke University Alumni Network group and get started today" said Herrig. For help, contact Career Services.

Adam O'Dell's performance selected for album

Adrienne Gibbs
Staff Writer

Clarke junior Adam O'Dell's performance of "Time Bending" was selected to be included in a compilation album released last month. Adam had the opportunity to perform the piece, at the 2013 PARMA Music Festival in New Hampshire. He will be in Dallas this coming August to compose choral works for the Helios Ensemble of Dallas.

What is your background as a pianist?

I began taking piano lessons when I was 7. I studied with a local teacher named Pat Williams. I started competing in a few piano competitions down the road and did pretty well, and those always kept me motivated. When it came time to start picking out band instruments, I picked percussion. My siblings both picked percussion, and I always liked seeing what they did. Over the years I've tried a few things, I was even in a rock band for a while (which inspired this piece quite a bit, actually), but after a while, I decided that composition would be my major focus; but I'd also continue pursuing voice and piano.

What is the story behind submitting your piece for the PARMA Music Festival?

My composition professor, Amy Dunker, told me about the festival, and how great an opportunity it would be. It is full of doctors of music composition so she told me it would be best for me to submit a piece that I wrote for an instrumentation I was familiar with and something that would help other composers expand their knowledge. As an avid percussionist, I knew "Time Bending" would be the one to pick.

How long did it take you to prepare "Time Bending"?

It took about two months. I began writing it in October 2012. I got most of it done in early November, but then couldn't find a way to end it. I got an idea for the piece while eating at Taco Bell in December, scribbled my ideas on a napkin, and took it back to the dorms to complete it that night.

How has the Clarke music department helped you succeed? My success is their success. I owe them everything. The de-

partment here is tireless and gives me as much opportunity as I am willing to take on. Amy has taught me to expand my "composer's tool kit" by trying things outside my comfort zone, and has sent composition contests and opportunities my way, quite literally, daily.

Has this opportunity opened new doors for you?

After my presentation at the festival, I was approached by one of PARMA's licensing directors and got a contract to license a few of my pieces. There's a very real chance that one of my pieces could be used by a prime time television company or publication for underscoring or other commercial use.

What are your future plans?

To complete my music composition degree here then continue on to get a master's degree in composition, and possibly conducting. I could then proceed to my doctorate or teach for a while. I also have a possibility of interning for a musical theatre production company in New York City down the road.



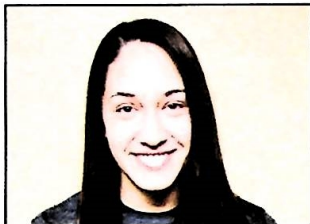
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Clarke junior Adam O'Dell's piece "Time Bending" has been included in a compilation album released last month.

On The Street

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What is the biggest thing you learned about being a freshman this year?



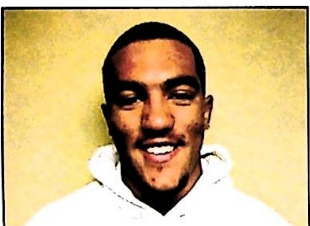
JADELYN ROHACH, FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED MAJOR

"Basically that we had to make decisions about what is ultimately best for us whether, it's finding a major or choosing how to spend money. Also, having professional relationships with teachers and being a better student."



BLAKE SOWELL, FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED MAJOR

"I learned not to put off things for the last minute because that can lead to hectic moments. Also, that if you don't keep focused, you can slip behind quickly. Basically I learned that time management and organization are so important."



KENNETH MASON, FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED MAJOR

"I learned a lot about myself that I didn't know before. We are out here alone away from our parents, which means discovering our true purpose in life and who we are meant to be. We are making lifetime friends every day and learning things that will help us pave the way to our future."

On Other Campuses

Rachel Armstrong
Staff Writer

College asked to rename building named in honor of Ku Klux Klan leader

Students at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill want the school's trustees to rename Saunders Hall, a building on campus currently named in honor of a former Ku Klux Klan leader. UNC-Chapel Hill, considered the nation's oldest public university, named the building for William L. Saunders in 1922. Saunders was a UNC alum and a colonel in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Students are gathering signatures on a petition to change the name of the building and will present it to the Board of Trustees at their meeting in May. They held a rally on campus last week as well, also demanding a plaque be placed on the building to "remind us of UNC's white supremacist history."

— HUFFINGTON POST

University bans selfies at graduation ceremony

Come May 17 members of Bryant University's graduating class will be all smiles for the crowd to see, but not for their iPhones to capture. Bryant officials just announced that its students will be banned from taking selfies while they accept their degrees at the podium. University President and former R.I. Congressman Ronald Machtley supports this move stating that "Students need to understand that there are times to disconnect from social media." While students won't be able to snap a picture on stage, they will get the chance to tweet their experiences. Using #bryantgrad2014 and all posts will automatically generate to a university-wide tag board for the event.

— USA TODAY

New Joe Paterno statue planned for location just outside Penn State campus

Less than two years after a bronze statue of Joe Paterno was ripped from Penn State's campus, plans are in place to install a new statue of the football coach at a local bar. A group of Paterno supporters plan to raise \$300,000 for a bronze tribute to the coach that will sit outside the Tavern Restaurant, a popular bar for alumni and Penn State fans located just about two miles from the Beaver Stadium location where Paterno's statue once stood. The on-campus Paterno statue was torn down in July 2012 in the aftermath of the Jerry Sandusky sex abuse scandal, which cost Paterno his job and tarnished his coaching legacy.

— NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

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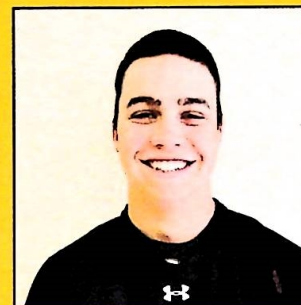
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Blake Sowell



Christopher Ervin



Anthony Ebel

WHAT MOVIE ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER?

"The Amazing Spider Man 2,"
Breland Prochaska,
Sophomore, Athletic Training/
Physical Therapy

"22 Jump Street,"
Katelyn Hoppman,
Sophomore, Athletic Training/
Physical Therapy

"Neighbors,"
Christopher Ervin,
Freshman, Sports Management

"Neighbors,"
Anthony Ebel,
Junior, Computer Informational
Services

WHAT CONCERT WOULD YOU GO TO THIS SUMMER IF YOU COULD GO TO ANY CONCERT YOU WANTED TO?

"Miley Cyrus," BP

"Jake Owen--Days of Gold Tour," KH

"Tomorrowland," CE

"Timeflies Tuesdays," AE

WHAT WILL YOU BE READING THIS SUMMER?

"Panic" by Lauren Oliver, BP

"Take Me On," by Katie McGarry, KH

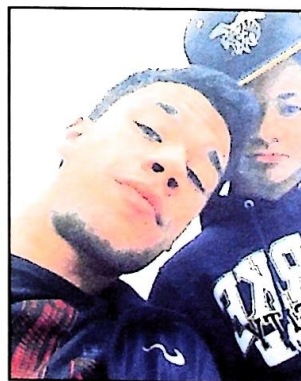
"Baseball Prospectus 2014," CE

"Instinct: The Power to Unleash Your Inborn Drive," by T. D. Jakes, AE

One last thing...

Hilary Van Praag
Staff Writer

What is the last picture in your phone's camera roll?



Nina Penson, freshman athletic training and physical therapy major

"The last picture I took was of Phil Jensen and me chillin' in class."



Andrew Westcott, senior physical education major

"The last picture I took was of my friend Gregory the gnome and me just hangin' out at my house."